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JANUARY 9, 1806.

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Read the first and second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Tuesday next.

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## A Bill,

In addition to an act, intituled "An act supplementary to the act providing for a naval peace establishment; and for other purposes."



1    Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2 *of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,* That the  
3 second and fourth sections of "An act providing for a naval peace  
4 establishment, and for other purposes," be, and the same are here-  
5 by repealed.

1    Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the president of the  
2 United States be, and he is hereby authorised to keep in actual  
3 service, in time of peace, so many of the frigates and other public  
4 armed vessels of the United States, as in his judgment the nature of  
5 the service may require, and to cause the residue thereof to be laid  
6 up in ordinary in convenient ports.

1    Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the public armed vessels  
2 of the United States, in actual service in time of peace, shall be  
3 officered and manned, as the president of the United States shall di-  
4 rect; provided that the officers shall not exceed the following num-

5 bers and grades, that is to say, thirteen captains, nine masters com-  
6 mandant, seventy-two lieutenants, and one hundred and fifty mid-  
7 shipmen; but the said officers shall receive no more than half their  
8 monthly pay, during the time when they shall not be under orders  
9 for actual service; and provided farther, that the whole number  
10 of able seamen, ordinary seamen, and boys, shall not exceed nine  
11 hundred and twenty five; but the president may appoint, for the  
12 vessels in actual service, so many surgeons, surgeons mates, sailing  
13 masters, chaplains, pursers, boatswains, gunners, sail-makers, and  
14 carpenters, as may in his opinion be necessary and proper.